



Feb. 23, 2011

Northern Arizona Proposed Withdrawal Project DEIS
U.S. Bureau of Land Management
345 E. Riverside Dr.
St. George, UT 84790

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the 2300 members of the Maricopa Audubon Society here in central Arizona, we wish to express our strong disapproval of uranium mines being proposed in the BLM DEIS of the Grand Canyon and its environs. This national treasure should not be polluted, harmed or contaminated. It is a unique ecosystem. The Grand Canyon confers to all U.S. citizens and worldwide visitors a treasure of immense and timeless proportions.

Its seeps, springs, waters, land masses and landscapes should not have to face the pollution and harms caused by the unearthing, dissemination and broadcasting of radioactive wastes. This is a priceless national heirloom.

Our nation's reserves of uranium resources are quite ample in Wyoming and New Mexico along with additional resources in other U.S. states and parts of this state.

Like the British and Australian mining companies (Rio Tinto and BHP) that would propose to destroy the USFS Oak Flat campground and its surrounding riparian areas, the Canada-based company is another example of foreign companies assaulting our nation's precious environment, natural treasures, and natural resources.

Sincerely,

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